

WEST MADISON UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2023

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the West Madison Utility District was duly convened, held, and conducted on January 10, 2023, in the Kearney Park Community Center at 443 Livingston Vernon Road, Flora MS, as follows to wit:

The President of the Board, Larry Bennett, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The following members were present: Commissioner Larry Bennett, Commissioner Scott Colson, Commissioner Carolyn Andrews, Commissioner Joyce Monroe.

Commissioner Bennett opened the meeting with a prayer. President Bennett asked for a motion to accept and approve the following: Acknowledgement and Acceptance of EOM RVS Report of the December 2022. Acceptance and Approval of the December 2022, Minutes. Acceptance of November 2022 End of Month Financials. Commissioner Colson made a motion of Acceptance and Approval and Commissioner Andrews seconded.

The following customers were present to address the board:

Ms. Sterling Blair – who resides on Middle Road appeared before the board with a complaint that something needs to be done about her lack of water. Ms. Blair states she did not have water during the Christmas holiday because water/pipes were frozen. She states this happens multiple times each year. She further states she has been having this problem for a while and have reported it.

Commissioner Colson posed the question what would it cost to fix it? Operator Newman responded that it was priced a year ago at \$2500.00. Commissioner Colson replied to get a contractor to repair it. President Bennett commented to get the price and availability then a decision will be made concerning the repair.

Engineer's Report

Engineering Report sent to Board members and KT through email the day of the board meeting. Not present at the meeting.

Operator's Report

- K.T. Newman provided a handout to all board members.
- No issues with the sample
- No boil water alert(s)
- No non compliance
- Everything went relatively well during the freeze except for the family on Middle Road.

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- Did have a break at the old well. Customers had pipes to break and as a result their bills were high. Commented on the policy: If it was a sewer, WMUD could make adjustment but no sewer issue, they can pay it off in installments.
- Southland Container –has new ownership. They asked how soon can get fire sprinkler operating. Operator Newman commented the fix was done immediately by working the weekend. The fix was expenses but was urgent.
- Operator Newman shared map from Engineer Morgan Sims showing where they killed the existing lines notated in red. The new proposed lines were notated in blue.
- There was a discussion with Commissioner Andrews and Operator Newman concerning location to begin the repair.
- The lagoons are doing fine.
- Operator Newman reports meeting a few times with Alan Ramsey, developer who has purchased the old warehouses behind the corner store on Livingston-Vernon. Mr. Ramsey was inquiring about water lines.
- Madison County Waste Water Authority has acquired two million dollars to extend new lines to Beatty Bluff from somewhere in Canton. None of this money will be shared with West Madison. President Bennett commented he spoke to Carl Banks who mentioned pursuing funds elsewhere.
- President Bennett inquired about office hours for Operator Newman's staff to collect water bill payments. Operator Newman replied that staff is there every day. However, between the first and the tenth (1-10) of the month, she is there from 8 – 5. After the 10th, she is there from 8 – 12 noon. Once cut offs are done, she goes back to 8 – 5. There was a discussion on the collection and payment process procedure in place. President Bennett asked what would it take for Operator Newman's office to handle? Commissioner Colson states the customers are having problem about the length of time it takes for checks to clear the bank.

Executive Session.

Old Business

Note: The following action items from last meeting:

Who:	What:
Morgan Sims (engineer)	Morgan will coordinate with KT to update plan/map based on his repairs at Southland Container. He will also evaluate other waterline alternatives based on K.T.'s recommendations. Report/documents including map placed in file.

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Commissioner Andrews	Review the Community Center Rental Policy with the intentions of making a motion to revise rental policy and fees to prevent issue from reoccurring. Commissioner Andrews asked for more to time to complete. The board granted more time.
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New Business

None

Note: The following action items from this meeting:

Who:	What:
K.T. Newman	Get the cost and availability to repair water/pipes for Ms. Sterling Blair then a decision will be made concerning the repair.
Commissioner Andrews	Requested more time complete to review the Community Center Rental Policy with the intentions of making a motion to revise rental policy and fees to prevent issue from reoccurring.

President Bennett asked for a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Colson made the motion, Commissioner Andrews seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.